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Kathleen Leos
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Dear Ms. Leos:

This letter is written in response to the report dated July 22, 2005, regarding your office's review of the South Dakota Department of Education's administration of Title III, Part A under the No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB).

Since there are no issues outlined under the "Further Action Required" headings in this report, South Dakota is not required to submit a description for further action. We would, however, like to take this opportunity to commend OELA and Education Program Specialist for South Dakota, Dr. Sue Kenworthy.

We appreciate the technical assistance provided to our staff before the monitoring visit, while on-site and communication via email and telephone. We believe this assistance will help South Dakota improve the delivery of Title III programs and services in our state.

Sincerely,

Dr. Rick Melmer
Secretary
South Dakota Department of Education

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